

Returning to In Person Learning FAQ

Mann Middle School

On Friday, February 19, 2021, School District 11 notified families of the intention to bring students back to school full time for in person learning 5 days per week. This change will start at the beginning of the 4th quarter (Wednesday, March 10, 2021). All families have been asked to complete a brief survey indicating their decision for the 4th quarter. Please use the information below to answer Frequently Asked Questions that will help guide your decision.

Online vs. In Person Learning Options

- All D11 families will have the option to choose between full time online learning (5 days per week) and full time in person learning (5 days per week) for the 4th quarter.
- Hybrid learning (2 days in person, 2 days at home, 1 day asynchronous) is **no longer an option**.
- All students will be engaged in synchronous (live) instruction 5 days per week. Mondays will no longer be an asynchronous (independent) learning day.
- No other learning opportunities will be available for the remainder of the school year.

Decision Deadlines

- Families are asked to decide on full-time in person or full-time online learning no later than **Friday, February 26, 2021**.
- Once a decision has been made, students will remain in their learning setting for the remainder of the school year. We will not be moving students between the online and in person learning groups.

Synchronous Remote Learning

- Currently, students who are hybrid learners have the opportunity to learn remotely from home. Many families have taken advantage of this opportunity on colder weather days, during family trips, or when a student is not feeling well. **This option will no longer be available**. Your student must attend school regularly.
- In the event that a group of students must be quarantined due to a school-related COVID exposure, we will do our best to accommodate learning through the quarantine period via synchronous remote learning. **This is the only exception**.

Attendance

- Attendance will be taken daily during each class period.
- All D11 and Colorado attendance and truancy laws / guidelines are in full effect.
- If a student is absent for any reason, it is an absence. Synchronous remote learning is no longer an option.
- Excused and unexcused absences will follow D11 and Mann Middle School policies and guidelines.
- Students who are absent for a pre-approved extended period of time can access assignments through Schoology.

Student Schedule Changes

- Students who are **currently** enrolled in the full-time online program will have the opportunity to continue learning remotely with their same teachers following the same schedule they currently have.
- Students who are **currently** attending school in person (4 days per week or hybrid) will also continue to follow the same schedule with their current teachers. Schedule changes may occur if it becomes necessary to balance class sizes.

- Students who are currently learning full-time online but wish to **return to school in person** will be given a new schedule with new teachers starting March 10th.
- Students who are currently learning in person (hybrid or 4 days per week) but wish to **become full-time online** learners will have a change in teachers and schedule. If the number of students at each grade level becomes too high for our online team to support, students may be asked to enroll in other D11 online programs (ex: Achieve online or Tesla) or they may be partnered with online students in other D11 middle schools.

Current Health Mandates

- Currently, all staff and students are required to wear a mask while inside of the building, except when eating, per state mandate.
 - Students with specific special needs or exempt health reasons may not be required to wear a mask per doctor's written orders.
 - Some staff members wear a clear face shield in lieu of a mask to accommodate the needs of our deaf and hard of hearing population.
- All staff and students are required to stay home from school if they are exhibiting any of the major or minor COVID-19 symptoms.
- The school building is disinfected daily to minimize the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

Current Health Suggestions

- It is suggested that individuals maintain social distancing spacing of 3-6 feet whenever possible.
- It is suggested that individuals wash hands frequently and maintain proper hygiene.
- Students are encouraged to wear a mask during lunch recess if they are closer than 6 feet proximity.
- Plexiglass sneeze guards are in place in public office space, as well as in classrooms where requested.
- Teaching staff is encouraged to maintain seating charts to limit the number of individuals requiring quarantine should exposure occur.

Health Measures in Place at Mann Middle School

- Extra time has been built into lunch to allow students an opportunity to wash hands and use the restroom.
- Students have an opportunity to wash hands in all electives classes (twice per day).
- The office and grade level teams provide additional masks if a student forgets or needs a new mask.
- Grade level cohorting is in place. All students remain separated by grade level throughout the school day. Mann is able to provide this precaution, though it is not mandated.
 - Students participating in after school clubs, activities and athletics will not be separated by grade level cohort.
 - Students who ride a D11 bus to and from school will not be separated by a grade level cohort.
- Hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms for student use.
- Suggested social distancing guidelines are in place where possible.
- All band students have been issued proper masks and safety equipment that allows them to play instruments safely indoors.
- An isolation room is available should a known positive COVID case arise, possible exposure occurs, or if an individual becomes ill and exhibits COVID symptoms.
- Visitors have limited access to the building and are required to complete a screener before entry is granted.